



FLORENCE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Kenney Boone, Sheriff

February 15, 2019

Mr. Matt Moore
Investigative Producer
WYFF News 4
505 Rutherford Street
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(via email Matt.Moore@hearst.com only)

Re: Freedom of Information Request
FCSO FOIA No.: 2019-025

Dear Mr. Moore:

This letter will acknowledge your email of February 11, 2019 requesting information pursuant to the South Carolina *Freedom of Information Act*. Specifically, you requested that we answer the following questions:

1. **Policies and procedures relate to the initial collection of sexual assault evidence collection kits.**

Response: No document in possession of FCSO responsive to this request.

2. **Policies and procedures regarding the timeframe of the collection and testing of sexual assault evidence collection kits including the timeframe required for sexual assault evidence collection kits testing by the examiner (also known as "sexual assault examiners", "sexual assault nurse examiners", or "sexual assault forensic examiners").**

Response: No document in possession of FCSO responsive to this request.

3. **All mechanisms by which sexual assault evidence collection kits are or can be tested including all designated facilities where sexual assault evidence collection kits can be performed.**

Response: All kits sent for testing are sent to SLED.

4. **Policies and procedures regarding the maintenance and transfer of sexual assault evidence collection kits.**

Response: No document in possession of FCSO responsive to this request. All kits are handled as any other biological evidence.

- 5. Policies and procedures concerning a petition to test a sexual assault evidence collection kits.**

Response: No document in possession of FCSO responsive to this request.

- 6. Policies and procedures related to the process of checking the status of a sexual assault evidence collection kits and the notification provided to survivors regarding their sexual assault evidence collection kits.**

Response: No document in possession of FCSO responsive to this request.

- 7. Policies and procedures regarding the statute of limitations for maintenance and or storage of sexual assault evidence collection kits, both tested and untested.**

Response: No document in possession of FCSO responsive to this request.

In addition, you requested the following:

- 1. The number of sexual assault evidence collection kits collected by the agency.**

Response: In the last five (5) years, FCSO has received a total of forty-one (41) kits (including six (6) anonymous kits. Per SLED "SAKs collected where the victim is not identified and a police report in not on filed are considered anonymous. In that event, the SAK is stored by FCSO but not forwarded to SLED.)

- 2. The number of sexual assault evidence collection kits tested by or on behalf of the agency.**

Response: Fourteen (14) kits have been sent for testing in the past five (5) years.

- 3. The timeframe between collection and testing of sexual assault evidence collection kits.**

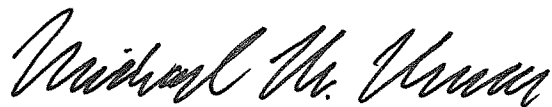
Response: If a kit is sent for testing from FCSO it is sent within 10-14 days from the date of receipt.

- 4. The number of requests to check the status of sexual assault evidence collection kits. (Please note this is not a request for identifying or confidential information of survivors or their cases or sexual assault evidence collection kits.)**

Response: Upon information and belief, none.

We trust that this information satisfies your request for information pursuant to the Act. Should you have any questions regarding any of the above, please call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael M. Nunn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being the most prominent part.

Major Michael M. Nunn
General Counsel/P.I.O.